

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A valve for controlling fluid flow comprising a body
2 provided with a fluid passageway having an inlet and an outlet, a valve
3 member (50) for inhibiting fluid flow through the passageway (80), and
4 means (61) for moving the valve member (50) so as to provide for
5 controlled flow of fluid from the inlet to the outlet, wherein the valve
6 member (50) is in the form of a flexible blade, one end (52) of which is
7 mounted at a location remote from the passageway; and wherein the
8 means of moving the valve member is arranged to act on the other end of
9 the blade whereby to control fluid flow through the passageway,
10 characterised in the
11 a sealing member (84) is provided around the periphery of the inlet
12 and the blade has a degree of stiffness such that it provides a fuse
13 tending to keep the blade in contact with the sealing member.
- 1 2. (Original) A valve according to claim 1, wherein the blade is shaped so as
2 to provide the desired stiffness as it is moved by the moving means.
- 1 3. (Currently Amended) A valve according to claim 2, wherein the blade is
2 loosely mounted at said one end (54) so as to provide a limited amount of
3 movement in the direction of movement.
- 1 4. (Currently Amended) A valve according to claim 3, wherein an auxiliary
2 member (55) is located over the flexible blade (50) and makes point
3 contact with the blade within the confines of the periphery of an inlet to
4 the passageway.

1 5. (Currently Amended) A valve according to ~~any one of the preceding~~
2 ~~claims~~ claim 4, wherein the auxiliary member ~~(55)~~ is in the form of a
3 blade.

1 6. (Currently Amended) A valved according to ~~claim 3-4 or 5~~ claim 5,
2 wherein the sealing member is provided in the form of an O-ring.